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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—W. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STEPHEN & CO., 50, Cornhill, GORSON & GOULD, Judges' Chambers, 1, Old Bailey, E. C. HENRY & CO., 31, Wallbrook, E. C. SALTER & CO., 1, & 2, Old Bailey, E. C. 150 & 151, London Wall, E. C. W. M. WILLIS, 151, Whitechapel, E. C. BOURKE & WARD, 150, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMBROZ PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafitte, Paris.

NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHINIAN EXCHANGE OFFICE, 52, West 29th Street.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco;—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORSON & GOULD, Adelphi, London and Sydney.

GYLTON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE ANTHORINE & CO., Calcutta.

SINGAPORE, STEAMERS, &c.—SAVILE & CO., Agents, Singapore. C. BRIGGS & CO., Agents, Singapore.

CHINA.—MCCARTY, A. A. DE GRUL, Agents, N. MOALIE & CO., LIMITED, Foochow, Hanoi & Co., Shantou; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

BANKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$10,000,000.
Reserve Fund.....\$3,000,000.
Elements Liability of.....\$10,000,000.
Profits.....

Court of Directors:—
T. E. Davis, Esq.—Chairman.
H. Hoffnung, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

James J. Bell Irving, Esq.
C. J. Holliday, Esq. J. S. Mose, Esq.
Carl Jantzen, Esq. D. R. Samson, Esq.
Julia Kramer, Esq.

Chief Manager:—
H. Hoffnung, Esq.

Manager:—
Shanghai.—J. P. Wade Gardner, Esq.

LONDON, BANKERS.—LONDON AND COMPANY BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG.—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum, on the daily balance up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits.—
For 6 months 3 per cent, per annum.

12 " 4 " 500,000.

12 " 4 " on sum in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG.—INTEREST CHARGED.

6 % on LOANS against Shares with full margin.

6 % on Advances against Goods in nostro and our godowns.

7 % on Current Account Overdrafts.

7 % on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1892. 1571

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1892. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$ 5,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. GILLIES, Esq. CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.

C. J. HINSEY, Esq. W. WOTTON, Esq.

KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.

Chief Manager:—
Geo. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Advisory Committee in London:—
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Geo. MUNRO, Manager.

THE ALLIANZ BANK, LIMITED.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

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Shanghai.—C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

Amoy.—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

Current Accounts opened. Money received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills purchased and collected. Advances made on securities or goods in neutral godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%
do 6 " do 4%
do 7 " do 3%
Current Accounts 4%

For rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1892.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 10% PER CENT. (One Dollar and Fifty Cents per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1892, will be Paid to those Persons who are registered as Shareholders in the above Company, on MONDAY, 16th August, 1892.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 15th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order: EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1892. 1335

Business Notices.

NEW BUTTER! SEASON 1892-3.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SUPPLY OF

EXTRA FINEST ISIGNY BUTTER

EXTRA FINEST ISIGN

THE CHINA MAIL.

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, ISMALLIA, PORT SAID,
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLE,
BRINDISI,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON:
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE,
HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND
BOSTON.
SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PERSIAN AND ORIENTAL STEAM
Navigation Company's Steamship
MALWA, Captain C. E. PRESTON, R.N.R.
with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched
from this for BOMBAY, TO-MORROW,
4th August, at Noon, (connecting with the
SUTLEJ at BOMBAY, which Vessel takes
on her Cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ
CANAL, leaving that port on the 23rd
AUGUST).

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo
for London will be convoyed by 4 Bomby.
Tee will be sent either via Bombay or
Colombo according to arrangement.

For Freight and Passage, apply to the
PERSIAN AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their cargo
can do so on application at the Com-
pany's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers
for MARSEILLE.

H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent,
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, August 3, 1892. 1280

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
Belgium.....TUESDAY, Aug. 30.
Oceania.....TUESDAY, Sept. 20.
Greece, v. Honolulu.....TUESDAY, Oct. 11.

THE Steamship BELGIO will be
despatched for San Francisco, at
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, 30th August, at
1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai and
Japan Ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt New
Westminster, Port Town-
send, O.\$225.00
To Liverpool and London.....\$228.00
To Paris and Boulogne.....\$242.00
To Hamburg.....\$235.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
atlantic lines of Steamers.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND
CITIES, FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION.	30 day Tickets	1 month Tickets
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.	285.00	300.00
St. Louis, Mo.	292.50	301.50
St. Paul, Minn.	292.50	301.50
Chicago, Ill.	297.50	295.00
Milwaukee, Wis.	290.50	295.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	302.50	301.50
Detroit, Mich.	304.95	302.75
Cleveland, Ohio	306.65	305.00
Toronto, Canada	309.95	307.45
Pittsburg, Penn.	310.25	307.00
Niagara Falls, N.Y. Buffalo, N.Y.	311.00	306.00
Washington, D.C., Balti- more, Md.	317.50	311.75
Montreal, Canada	319.75	313.00
Philadelphia, Penn.	319.75	312.50
New York	320.75	315.00
Boston, Mass.	321.15	317.00
Portland, Maine	327.35	317.00

All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or San Pacific Railways.

Return Tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:

4 months.....\$337.50
12 months.....\$393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received by the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the previous to sailing.

Consignees advised to accompany Cargo destined for points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 30, 1892. 1310

To-day's Advertisements.



NAVAL CONTRACT, 1892-93.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Naval Superintendent, until 10 a.m., for MANDA, the 16th instant, for the SUPPLY OF TEA for the use of H. M. Navy for One Year ending 31st August, 1893.

Printed Forms of Tender and further Particulars can be obtained at the Naval Superintendent's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

Hongkong Victualling Yard, 2nd August, 1892. 1342

The following NOTICE has been issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

COUGNAUGH HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 7th July, 1892.

SIR.—At the General Meeting of THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, held on the 20th day of June, 1892, and the 5th day of July, 1892, respectively, the following Special Resolutions were duly passed and confirmed respectively:

1.—That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that A. O'D. GOURDIN, Esq., and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such Winding-up.

2.—That the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised to consent to the registration of a New Company to be named THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, with a Monogram and Articles of Association, which have already been prepared with the privy and approval of the Directors of this Company.

3.—That the Draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting and expressed to be made between this Company and its Liquidator, of the one part, and the PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, of the other part, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised, pursuant to the said Draft Agreement, to make such Alterations in the said Draft Agreement, as may be necessary to conform to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1865, to enter into an Agreement with such New Company when incorporated in the terms of the said Draft, and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as the Liquidator may think expedient.

I have to inform you that, in conformity with the above Special Resolutions, THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, has been incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong, with a Capital of \$270,000 divided into 60,000 Ordinary Shares of \$4 each and 30,000 Preference Shares of \$1 each and that the Agreement referred to in the third of such Resolutions has been executed.

Your holding in THE PUNJOM & SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, being Ordinary Shares and Preference Shares, you are under the Agreement entitled to, and I hereby offer you, in respect of the said Ordinary Shares, an allotment in the PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, of 33,000 Ordinary Shares of \$4 each and \$24 credited as paid up on each, and in respect of the said Preference Shares an allotment in THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, of the same number of Preference Shares of \$1 each with the said sum of \$1 credited as paid up on each.

In order to obtain an allotment of the Shares to which you are entitled, or any smaller number, you must fill up and sign the enclosed application letter, and then forward the same, together with the certificates for the Shares held by you in THE PUNJOM & SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, to the PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, at their Offices, COUGNAUGH HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, or before the 5th day of August, 1892, together with a payment of \$3 being the sum of \$1 per share per Ordinary Share which is payable on application.

No application as above-mentioned is received from you on or before the 8th day of August, 1892, or so far as any application may not extend, you will be deemed to have refused an allotment of Shares in THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, to which you are entitled under the said Special Resolutions and Agreement, and to have abandoned your right thereto, and the Directors will proceed to allot, or otherwise dispose of the Shares unapplied for by you on such terms and conditions and at such times as they shall think fit.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Liquidator of the Punjom & Sunghee Dua Samantam Mining Co., Ltd.

COUGNAUGH HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, August 3, 1892. 1338

FORMS of APPLICATION can be obtained at the Office of the COMPANY, COUGNAUGH HOUSE, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, August 3, 1892. 1339

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be NO COMPETITION on Saturday, 6th August.

The short RANGE CUP will be shot on SATURDAY, 13th August. Range 200 and 300 yards. Time, 8 p.m.

ED. RODINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, August 3, 1892. 1341

The Overland China Mail,

Editor, Tidbits.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SALE.

THE FAST BRITISH IRON SCREW STEAMER

P. F. E. S. E.,
Now lying in the SINGAPORE Roads,
Gross Tonnage.....213.00
Registered Tonnage.....132.76
Built in 1874 by H. Murray & Co.,
Kobu, and Yokohama.

ENGINES, by Kom & Hume, Glasgow,
Consumption.....4 Tons
Length.....131 ft. 5 inches
Breadth.....21 ft.
Depth of Hold.....10 ft. 15 inches
Speed.....9 Knots.

The Perse has Accommodation for 7
First-class, Passengers, 10 Second-class
Passengers, and 14 Deck Passengers, and
has a carrying Capacity of 3,000 piculs.

Sealed offers to be sent to THE OFFICIAL
LIQUIDATOR at the Office of THE NEW
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, SINGAPORE, up
ON MONDAY, the 22nd August, at Noon.

The Perse may be inspected any day from
8 a.m. till Noon.

Singapore, 22nd July, 1892. 1340

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THE CHINA MAIL.

A severe shock of earthquake was felt at Manila on the 26th July, at 8.7 p.m., which caused some alarm among the inhabitants owing to its unusual force. Its duration was about 30 seconds. The same phenomena was experienced in some of the provinces. No damage is reported.

Dr Dobrook writes to-day as follows:—At 4.15 p.m. this morning notice was issued. "The depression has entered the mainland." Barometer rising. Gradient moderate for S.W. winds. Weather warm and cloudy. (Issued at 10.30 a.m.)

The Sanitary Board will meet to-morrow. The following is the *Agenda*.—Letters from Honourable Colonial Secretary concerning—A. A proposed private burial ground. B. Extension of leave of absence to Inspector Gouraud. Mortality Return for the weeks ended the 25th and 30th July, 1892. C. Applications for licenses and renewal of licenses to keep swine.

BELUX. WALTER, the champion middle-weight of British Columbia, who is going home to enter the professional ranks, intends with the help of the local boxing talent to give an exhibition in the City Hall soon. Meanwhile the gentle William is improving his shining hour by giving private lessons in a little saloon which he had fitted up opposite No. 1 Police Station at Wanchai, where "all the modern improvements" in boxing are exhibited and where the peaceful citizen may learn the interesting art of "knocking an opponent out in one act."

An action has been raised in the Supreme Court, Shanghai, by the owners of the *Hsin Tiao Kou* junk, and on behalf of the *Chang Cheng Hong*, owners of the cargo laden on board the junk, against Messrs. Melchers & Co., agents of the British steamship *Telchuk*, (Captain W. J. Thacher, master) for damages for the loss of the junk and cargo, in a collision which occurred on the night of 26th April last on the Yangtze river about 14 miles below Tatung. Mr. H. P. Wilkinson appears for the plaintiffs, and Mr. A. P. Stokes for the defendants.

Some correspondence has been taking place between the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, the Commissioner of Customs and the Taotai regarding the removal of the wreck of the *Peking*, which is a serious danger to navigation. The excuse given by the Commissioner of Customs for not proceeding with the removal of the wreck was that it did not concern the Customs, but it appears from further correspondence that the Taotai had consulted with him about the possibility of removing the wreck without interfering with the arbitration case then before Mr. Justice Hansen. In his last letter on the subject the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. Pardon) says:—"While not being able to understand how the case of the collision between the steamers *Peking* and *Yusun* has any bearing on the matter of the removal of the wreck, I would point out, as a matter of fact, that it was decided by H. B. M.'s Chief Justice, and therefore cannot in any way afford grounds for delay." He therefore reiterates, on behalf of the mercantile interest of the port, that it is of the greatest importance that such a serious danger to navigation should be at once removed.

The *Hangchow*, while on her morning trip from Macao to Hongkong yesterday, was detained for several hours in consequence of the break-down of one of her boilers. The vessel left Macao at 8 o'clock, and came to a stand still at 9.15. All the steam in the boiler had to be blown off before the necessary repairs could be effected to enable her to proceed on her voyage, and it was not till about 2 p.m. that she was again got under weight. She did not arrive in Hongkong till 1.15 p.m. instead of about 11 a.m. While detained the situation was not pleasant for the passengers of whom there was a large number, including Captain and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. W. H. Wallace and other Europeans. Rain fell heavily and there was a heavy swell which made the *Hangchow* toss about rather badly. It was lucky that the ship's staff were able to effect all the repairs necessary to enable her to get under steam, and beyond the annoying detention to the passengers the accident was not accompanied by any other unpleasant incident.

The *Amoy Gazette* of the 30th ult. contains the following obituary paragraph:—"We very much regret to have to record the death of Mr. J. Hansen, Secretary to His German Majesty's Consulate at this port, which occurred last night at about 8 o'clock at his residence in Kulangsu after a short illness of two days. Mr. Hansen was a comparatively young man, and was very much liked by all who knew him. He left a young widow to mourn his loss. We have deep sympathy with Mrs. Hansen in her sad bereavement."

According to the departure by the mail steamer this afternoon, says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 27th ult., is a diamond brooch which formerly belonged to the late Sultan of Perak. This "bauble" which is said to contain about 1,000 stones set in gold, has apparently become somewhat antiquated, hence the desire to be well rid of it. There being, however, few vacant moneys to let in the gorgeous east, the highest offer that could be obtained for it was \$30,000, whereas its estimated value reaches as much as \$35,000. It has been offered to the British ship *Ecclesian Alice*, which sailed from New York on the 10th April, and arrived at Amoy on the 1st of July—78

The *N.C. Daily News* records the death on the 26th ult., from heart disease, of Mr. J. W. Macfarlane, of the firm of Macfarlane and Leibnitz. The deceased was very popular, not only amongst residents but also among the members of the seafaring community.

A TELEGRAM to the *St. George Free Press*, dated Raub, July 24, says:—"The rebels endeavoured to force a passage at *Chiuk* on the 20th. They were repelled by Inspector Fleming after five hours' fighting. One *Sing* was killed and one wounded. Mr. Duff left Raub on the 22nd to reinforce Inspector Fleming. Colonel Walker and Mr. Clifford are at *Lapu*, Captain Byrne is at *Lichuk*. Inspector Duscan is at Raub."

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The *N.C. Daily News* says:—"The drought is causing great apprehensions in Kiangsi, and husbandmen near Szechow predict that if protracted ten days longer, the rain that may then fall will be too late to do any good. It is probable that the showers which fall here in the winter are shared by other parts of the province. Before the rain fall here on that day the city authorities endeavoured to pray for rain, but the showers of the afternoon were not sufficiently abundant to reduce the price of rice, which is \$3.80 per cattal against \$3.20, the normal good weather rate.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence has been sent to us for publication. It comprises the reply of H. M. Government to the representations of the Chamber regarding the action of the Admiral in not sending a steamer to search for the missing vessel *Somdet Phra Nang*; letter from the Colonial Secretary complaining of Reuter's treatment of the *China Mail*; letter from Colonial Secretary asking for the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce as to the working of the Share Bill.

THE 'SOMDET PHRA NANG' CASE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th July, 1892.

SIR, — I am directed to transmit to the information of the Chamber of Commerce a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in reply to their memorials of the 26th of June and 12th of March last.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

The Acting Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, &c., &c., &c.

Secretary of State to Governor.

Drawing Street, 4th June, 1892.

SIR, — I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 107 of the 23rd March enclosing two memorials from the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce respecting a removal by Vice-Admiral Sir F. Richards to send out of Her Majesty's ship to look for a missing steamer.

I referred these papers for the consideration of the Admiralty, and I have now to acquaint you that in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government the Chamber of Commerce for the silver coinage of India standard is a valid ground of complaint against the Vice-Admiral.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Naval forces on the station must be left to judge what is practicable on any occasion on which the assistance of Her Majesty's ships is sought for, and a careful perusal of the papers submitted by you does not lead Her Majesty's Government to think that the Vice-Admiral's discretion was not soundly exercised in the case in question.

In future any representations which the Chamber of Commerce may wish to make in regard to the action of the Admiral should be addressed in the first instance to the Governor of the Colony in accordance with ordinary usage.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

The Acting Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, &c., &c., &c.

BUREAU'S TELEGRAMS.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th July, 1892.

SIR, — With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of Reuter's telegram I am directed to invite the attention of your Chamber to the second article in yesterday's *Daily Press*, and to request that Reuter's Agency be moved to forward telegrams of more interest to the Colony and with greater regularity.

It is certainly a matter of legitimate complaint that no telegram regarding the election has been received since the 19th instant.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

The Acting Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, &c., &c., &c.

NOR.—The Chamber of Commerce had addressed Reuter's Telegraph Company on this subject prior to receipt of the above letter, and the Agent of that Company has telegraphed and written to the Head Office in London and to the Agent in Singapore urging the necessity which exists for an improvement in the service of Political Telegrams.

THE SHARE BILL.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st July, 1892.

SIR, — I am directed by the Governor to request you to be good enough to obtain, and transmit for His Excellency's information, the opinion of Chamber as to the working of Ordinance No. 15 of 1891 during the year in which it has been in operation.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

The Acting Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, &c., &c., &c.

NOR.—The above, named Ordinance is that commonly known as the Share Bill, and steps are being taken to ascertain the opinion of the members as to the result of its working.

EARTHQUAKE IN HAINAN ISLAND.

At 3 o'clock in the morning of the 28th July (Thursday), two earthquake shocks in pretty rapid succession were felt at Hainan. Some say there was only one shock; however that may be, the earth shook, and the houses quivered and rattled, from 16 to 20 seconds, and awoke and alarmed every one in the place; both foreigners and Chinese, setting all the native dogs barking. The motion was not the slow swaying one, productive of nausea, which characterizes some earthquakes, but a short violent "joggle".

To those who were so roughly awakened it seemed as if powerful hands had laid hold of their beds and were trying to shake them to pieces.

Accounts vary as to the exact time of the occurrence. The generally-received idea is that it was 5 o'clock, thus giving a win-

ter to the *Procyon*, so far, of 5 days. They had been at anchor on the north side of the *Wentian* in the way, and remained their voyage on the morning of the 13th—the *Howard D. Trop* being the leading vessel.

Speculation has been ripe on the two vessels for the race in New York. It will be interesting therefore to note their arrival at Shanghai.

The best passage this year was made by the British ship *Ecclesian Alice*, which sailed from New York on the 10th April and arrived at Amoy on the 1st of July—78

Accounted the departure by the mail steamer

this afternoon, says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 27th ult., is a diamond brooch

which formerly belonged to the late Sultan of Perak.

This "bauble" which is said to

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hence the desire to be well rid of it.

There being, however, few vacant moneys to let in the gorgeous east, the highest offer

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